

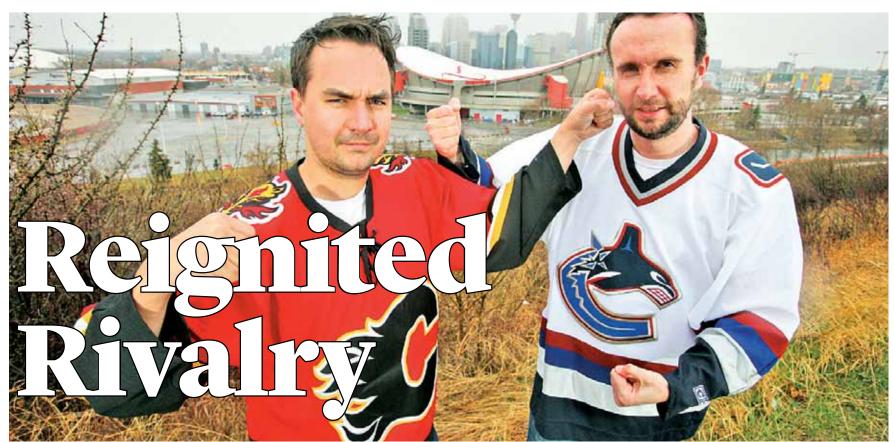
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EDUCATION

President says cutbacks could impact schools' cleanliness



Jeremy Nolais Metro | Calgary

Efforts to keep city schools neat and tidy are already stretched, according to parents and union officials, who fear cutbacks could put student health at risk.

Figures provided by the Canadian Union of Public Employees local suggest there are currently 535 full-time equivalent custodians responsible for maintaining 227 Calgary Board of Education schools that house about 140,000 students, teachers and other staff.

Already, union president Bob Anderson said about 30 of his members work as the sole caretaker in their respective schools.

Now the cash-strapped school board says custodial work is one area to which it's planning to make reductions as it works to close a nearly \$30-million budget gap.

Anderson said such a move "is just not going to be possible."



Bob Anderson, president of the Canadian Union of Public Employees local, says there's no room to cut into the Calgary Board of Education's custodial budget. JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

"Your kids are going to get sick," he said bluntly.

Anderson said already his members are only able to perform a very basic tidying job, as custodial staffing levels have stayed relatively flat in recent years, while student numbers have skyrocketed.

"We don't have the ability to make things bright-andshiny-clean now," he said. "You've got to wipe down every touch point that a kid comes in contact with."

CBE trustees did vote Tuesday afternoon to use \$18 million in reserve funds to narrow the budget gap, but members conceded cuts would still need to be made. Ahead of that vote, the board's top executive, Chief Supt. David Stevenson, said that while the standard for cleanliness would decline, having safe and healthy learning environments for students would remain a priority.

"We're not talking about having dirty, filthy schools," he insisted.

But parents say they've already seen a move away from pristine cleans.

Victoria Morgan serves on the school councils at both Mount Royal Junior High School and Altadore School and said both buildings have been dogged by custodial staff turnover.

"I have not seen the same person for more than a month at a time," she said, noting parents from other schools have painted much the same picture.

Informed of the current custodial staffing complement and number of CBE buildings, Morgan responded, "There's no way, even at those levels, you can keep a school clean enough to keep the occupants of that school healthy.

"You start looking at the state of the bathrooms, the state of the lunchrooms, the state of the classrooms and, not to mention, you're putting more kids into those classrooms ... you're going to end up with sick kids," she said.

(1) 'A PETRI DISH'

Schools are already a perfect breeding ground for bacteria and viruses, and reducing wipe-downs of common areas will only add to risks for students and staff, says an expert.

Dr. Craig Jenne, an assistant professor in microbiology, immunology and infectious diseases at the University of Calgary, said he himself was fighting off a cold Monday that was passed on from his two elementary-aged kids.

"It's basically a petri dish—it really is," he said when asked about the prevalence of germs in schools.

"We are, as adults just more careful," Jenne added. "We don't cough on each other, we know to go home and go to bed. With kids, we tend to force them to school and they run around, stick fingers in each other's mouths, things like that."

Jenne said there's no magic number for how often common touch points should be cleaned in schools.

"Most of these germs can last for hours on doorknobs, sometimes days," he said. "(Without frequent cleans), you're increasing the risk of exposure, but there's still going to be significant risk with the 30 kids going into class after recess."

The Calgary Board of Education advises that sick students stay home and warns if they do show up for class it's expected they will take part in all activities, including outdoor recess.

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Matthew Elliott, left, sits by the fire with Natrivia co-founder Wade Jacques. The pair have created a website to simplify the summer search for campgrounds. JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

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TECHNOLOGY

Website helps you stake out a superior camping spot



Helen **Pike** Metro | Calgary

Finding the perfect location for a camping getaway can get in-tents, especially when sifting through countless web pages or through provincial, national and private parks all attempts to find the road less travelled.

Outdoor adventurists now have a simplified solution to set up camp and it's called Natrivia.

The Calgary-made site, comparable to Tripadvisor, allows users to read reviews, browse and sort through campgrounds by location, amenity — even the nearby restaurants - all to help users pick the perfect place to pitch a tent.

"Users have the ability to review campgrounds and upload their own photos, which in turn helps other campers when they're planning their trip," said Matthew Elliott, co founder of Natrivia. "We want to emphasize the idea of discovery, so (for example) if I'm looking a campground that I want to check out what's near Banff, and I want it to have Wi-Fi ... our map feature allows you to do that really easily."

The site's co-founders, two fresh-faced grads from the University of Calgary, stumbled upon the idea during a summer trip of their own. The campsite they chose didn't quite match expectations — a problem which often happens when window shopping for wilderness adventure spots online.

"At one of the campsites we ended up going to it was a lot different than what it looked like in the pictures provided," Elliott said. "We thought, 'There needs to be a better way to know what you're getting

They said private grounds are especially hard to navigate on the web. Some of their pages are outdated and hard to find.

Wade Jacques, the other cofounder, combed the web for months compiling information on more than 450 campgrounds, including private grounds, to put everything at outdoor enthusiasts' fingertips. The pair then wrote up descriptions of each and opened their site up to a group of people



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Matthew Elliott

who helped them add some bare-bones reviews.

Soon, Jacques and Elliott hope to amp up the website's coverage with hiking trails, and, eventually, they'll branch out to nearby provinces.

"In the next couple of months, we would like to have as many people signing up, reviewing campsites and sharing their experiences as possible, said Elliott. "Our plan is, sometime in the summer, maybe around June, to start releasing data on hikes.'



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Impaired driver who killed man loses appeal

A six-year sentence handed down in a deadly head-on crash in Calgary will stand. Kelly James York was ap-

pealing the sentence after he pleaded guilty to impaired driving causing the death of Tony Harrison in July 2012. The motorcyclist was hit when York's van crossed the centre line.

In a 2-1 decision, the Alberta Court of Appeal dismissed York's argument that his punishment was unduly harsh. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Edmonton police starting counter-terrorism unit

The Edmonton police force is setting up its own counter-terrorism unit.

Chief Rod Knecht says he's going to bring in officers from other departments such as intelligence analysis and community outreach, but won't say how many officers the new group will include.

"It's going to be a situation of consolidating those resources ... and getting them focused on a single mandate," Knecht said Tuesday. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Homicide victim Nicholas Lush, 32, was remembered fondly by family and friends at a funeral service on Tuesday afternoon. Two men have since been charged in his murder.

COURTESY RCM

Loved ones mourn slain family man

Nicholas Lush remembered as devoted dad, husband



Morgan Modjeski Metro | Calgary

He was remembered as a man who loved fishing, camping and the outdoors, but most of all, he was remembered as a man who loved his family.

On Tuesday, family and friends of Nicholas Lush gathered at the Pierson's Forest Lawn Chapel to pay their respect and celebrate the life of a man who was "taken too soon.'

Lush's cousin, Jennifer Mc-Keigan, officiated the ceremony and she recalled Lush as a man who could be the life of a party. She told the packed chapel that he would \$15,000

As a way to support the Lush family during a difficult time, a fundraising effort to raise \$15,000 is underway and by Tuesday, 108 donors had offered more than \$11,000 to help the

never want to see any of his loved ones hurt or in despair.

A father of three and a loving husband, Lush's remains were discovered by RCMP in the Longview area on April 6, more than a week after his disappearance on March 29.

Two men, 24-year-old Cody Kenneth Bauer of Calgary and 22-year-old Kristopher Goerzen of Brooks, were arrested in Cranbrook, B.C., on April 6 and both have been charged in the murder.

Lush was 32 at the time of his death and RCMP have

released no information regarding the cause of death.

Lush's son, Noah, said he loved to spend time with his dad and his family outdoors and always looked forward to the "boys' weekends" where they would camp and fish together.

At the service, those in attendance heard that Lush's children "were his world" and heard stories of him and his young daughters, Alyssa and Brooke, singing My Girl by the Temptations, as he considered it a "beautiful song for two beautiful girls."

Described as a man with a big heart and an infectious smile," he was remembered as a person who was always taking his wife, Denise, and his three children "on a new adventure" since the entire family was one that loved and embraced the outdoors.





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Photos of the five victims — from left, Zackariah Rathwell, Lawrence Hong, Kaiti Perras, Jordan Segura and Joshua Hunter — can be seen pinned to a tree as part of a small memorial located on the front lawn of the Brentwood home where the city's worst mass murder took place one

Community still healing a year later

BRENTWOOD MURDERS

City tries to move forward after tragedy claimed 5 lives



Aside from a sign that reads 'Hope' on the front steps and a small memorial, the site of Calgary's worst mass murder looks like a normal suburban home.

It was one year ago that the same Brentwood residence was a chaotic scene of police vehicles, emergency responders, and TV cameras.

Now, those living in the neighbourhood say they feel life is returning to normal.

"The community is healing," said Garry Dupuis, who has lived just around the corner for the last 17 years.

Since the murders, a group of five men has moved into the house in an attempt to reclaim it for the community.

Dupuis said he considers the five a "group of angels."

When the murders occurred, Dupuis, like many others, was left with what he described as an "empty void and hurt," and while he's been reflecting on the incident a lot in recent days, it's a tragedy the community is starting to move past.

Shauna Krush, who lives across the street, said the impact of the tragedy still lingers.

"It still bothers me, but I think things around here are getting back to normal," she said, noting the arrival of the house's new tenants has been a positive development.

"When the house was empty, it was kind of dreary and morbid around here, but things have brightened up a lot."



It's important to remember these five young lives.

Coun. Druh Farrell

Several vehicles slowed to observe the memorial on Tuesday, which was draped with rosaries and surrounded by flowers some new, some old — left by people paying their respects.

Staff Sgt. Colin Chisholm with the CPS homicide unit said all of the officers involved were impacted by the deaths but noted, like many Calgarians, they're moving forward.

"It's the worst mass murder in Calgary's history, so it was very impactful for sure," Chisholm

"We've done the best investigation that we can and we're moving forward as a team and as a unit.'

MATTHEW DE GROOD

Morning of shock, disbelief

It was early this morning 365 days ago that the city of Calgary would change forever.

Those who had worked the night shift or had an early start were hearing on their car radios and newsfeeds about a suspected multiple homicide at a university house party.

Then, at 8:50 a.m. April 15 police confirmed to Calgary and the country that five people had been killed — stabbed multiple times — with three people dying on scene and two more succumbing to their injuries in hospital.

Those who died would later be identified as Zackariah Rathwell, 21, Lawrence Hong, 27, Joshua Hunter, 23, Jordan Segura, 22 and Kaiti Perras, 23; five young people at a party celebrating the end of their University of Calgary school term.

The entire city went into shock, as the five who had lost their lives were a bright and kind group of people who had done nothing wrong.

"These were all good kids," said then chief of the Calgary Police Service, Rick Hanson, who noted the motive behind the attacks were unknown.

A second wave of shock rolled through the city as Calgary residents learned more about the lone suspect in the case, University of Calgary student Matthew de Grood.

Facing five charges of firstdegree murder, de Grood is the son of police officer Douglas de Grood, a 33-year veteran on the force.

Calgary Mayor Naheed Nenshi said, "Every Calgarian is shaken to the core by what has happened here."

The de Grood file is currently making its way through the Alberta court system and on March 6, Justice J.D. Holmes ruled there was enough evidence to go to



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Trustees pull from reserves

EDUCATION

Board will still need to cut in some areas



Jeremy **Nolais** Metro | Calgary

Calgary public-school trustees voted unanimously Tuesday to drain more than half of their operating reserve despite an order from the province that freezes such funds. The move to take \$18 million from the Calgary Board of Education's rainy-day fund was pitched by trustee Trina Hurdman and will cover more than half of a \$29-million fund gap being face for the 2015-16 school year.

"I'm not prepared to make our students suffer because of this provincial budget," Hurdman said after two hours of gloom-and-doom questioning of the board's administrators on how deep the cuts would run.

She added, "Students come first. Learning is our central purpose. Education



Board trustee Trina Hurdman, seen centre, received full support from her colleagues to drain about half of the organization's operating reserve. JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

serves the common good.

New restrictions were put on all school boards this year when it comes to use of stashed cash - the CBE, for example, has \$37 million stored away in its Accumulated Surplus from Operations (ASO) reserve, enough to cover their entire operat-

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Trina Hurdman

ing shortfall. On March 26, the day the provincial budget dropped, Education Minister Gordon Dirks told boards that using the banked funds would require ministerial approval and would need to support "transition planning.'

"Therefore, no expenditures,

even those already planned, are to be funded through your ASO without prior ministerial approval," Dirks wrote at the time.

The stakes for Tuesday's vote were particularly high after the CBE's own legal counsel pulled no punches in stating the sevenmember board could face repercussions from the province, including outright dissolution, for dipping into its reserve.

Some trustees appeared to get choked up as they spoke about the additional 2,500 students anticipated to come into the CBE this fall and no additional provincial funding to support

The 2015 budget also cut into grants for English Language Learners, First Nations students and other vulnerable groups.

In an interview after the vote, Bowen-Eyre said \$30 million in cuts was too much to bear. She deemed Hurdman's motion "brave" given the provincial order.

"For each trustee to speak up and say 'We know that this is right for our students, we know that we need to protect our students and that's our job,' it was pretty powerful," she said.

ELECTION

NDP says it would add long-term care beds

Leader Rachel Notley says the New Democrats will improve access to long-term care if they win the Alberta election on May 5. Notley says hundreds of patients are being forced to spend months in hospital waiting for room in a nursing home. She says the severe bed shortage is due to the PC government not giving the issue enough attention. She says the NDP would add 2,000 long-term care spaces over four years to reduce the wait list and relieve pressure on overcrowded hospitals. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Prentice criticizes directive on election volunteering

Premier Jim Prentice is criticizing a directive issued by his government about volunteering for political campaigns. Prentice says it's "ridiculous and offensive" that government staff have been ordered to inform their supervisor if they want to work on political campaigns in their free time. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Will budget cost families \$2,500 or \$400?



The Wildrose and Progressive Conservatives sparred on social media this week over the true cost of tax and fee increases in the provincial budget.

The Wildrose claims the Prentice budget will cost an average family \$2,500 per year; the PCs say an average family

will pay only \$400 more a year. The difference is \$2,100. So we fact-checked the claims.

Wildrose: \$2,500 — The provincial budget introduced several new taxes and fees that, in total, the PC party anticipates will raise \$2.5 billion in additional revenue by the year 2017-2018.

The Wildrose calculation divides that revenue by the roughly one million taxpaying families in Alberta.

Fact-check: Both income tax and health care levies have cutoffs for people with lower incomes.

That means many Albertans won't pay anywhere near the \$2,500 fee the Wildrose is

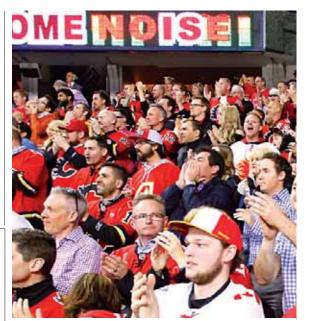
using. **PC: \$400** — The Progressive Conservatives claim their election budget will cost about \$400 per year for the average

Their number is based on an

individual making \$100,000 a year, who would have to pay higher income taxes and a health-care levy. It also assumes that person uses about 2,000 litres of fuel per year.

The majority of that \$400 is in the new health care levy, which applies to a person's taxable income and would add up to about \$300 for a person.

Fact-check: The PC example does not include higher tobacco taxes or alcohol taxes.



Will Flames fans be too distracted by the playoffs to vote in the provincial election May 5? ROBSON FLETCHER/ METRO FILE

Playoffs in a faceoff with polls

HOCKEY

But voters can follow two races at once, professor says



Jeremy **Nolais** Metro | Calgary

Starting Wednesday, candidates working the provincial elec-tion trail will compete with new rivals for voters' attention.

They go by names like Johnny Gaudreau and Sean Monahan.

The Calgary Flames are due to drop the puck on their first playoff run in six years at 8 p.m. sharp, and fans will likely be glued to their TVs just as political hopefuls get in some late-evening door-knocking.

"It's six hours a night," said Matthew Laurin, a student and big-time Flames fan who tends bar on the side. "Customers, they aren't going to be thinking about politics," he said. "It will be all hockey."

Fellow diehard fan Gerry Joel suspects the months-long slog to the Stanley Cup will hurt certain parties more than others, namely the Wildrose, which he said is trying to rebuild itself. He figures some of those caught up in the hockey hoopla will resort to voting for the Progressive Conservatives.

The Flames actually being in the playoffs — no question it's a distraction," he said.

But Melanee Thomas, an assistant professor in the University of Calgary's political science department, isn't so sure the playoff impact will be felt at the polls.

She noted the Flames were

chasing the Stanley Cup during the 2004 federal election and said the only cautionary tale for campaigns would be to disrupt potential voters during game intermissions.

Thomas believes Calgary voters are more than capable of watching two races at once.

"The polls are open all day long, and typically close in the early evening," she said. "Hockey games typically start in the early evening. Thus, anyone who wishes to engage fully in both the election and hockey would be able to do so easily enough."

Asked whether candidates should don jerseys in support of their team, Thomas said they'd be best to remain genuine.

"A candidate or leader who really loves hockey won't be able to contain their enthusiasm, should their team do well," she said. "Anyone who doesn't love the game, though, never fakes it very well.' WITH FILES FROM ANNA BROOKS

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Flames warn offake tickets

Fans asked to use official dealers only



Morgan Modjeski Metro | Calgary

Officials with the Calgary Flames are cautioning consumers when it comes to purchasing playoff tickets, as they say any purchased outside of the regular ticket streams could be fakes.

"We believe in the fairest and broadest distribution of tickets and we hope that our fans will keep those tickets and go to the games," said Flames vicepresident of sales Rollie Cyr.

"We also know that it is legal to resell tickets in Alberta and it's very hard to control because of various websites.'

He said the team encourages fans to purchase their tickets CHANCING IT

Luck of the draw

Flames fans can register online for a purchase code lottery or try a ticket registration on Twitter or go through a random draw that you can enter at Calgary Co-op locations for a chance to purchase a pair of tickets on game day.

through the official secondary market: the NHL Ticket Exchange run by the NHL and Ticketmaster.

"Those are the only ones that, if you get that ticket, you're going to be guaranteed entry into the game," he said. "Anything else is subject to fraud and duplication.'

True North Sports and Entertainment, which owns the Winnipeg Jets, told CTV Winnipeg this week that additional tickets being offered on sites

like StubHub were likely fake, as they were up for sale before additional tickets were released.

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He said the Flames have seen some fake tickets surface before the playoffs even began, as more than a dozen people showed up to the game against the L.A Kings on April 9 with "fraudulent tickets."

"We have no space to put them," he said of fans who show up at the Scotiabank Saddledome with illegitimate tickets. 'So you're hooped once you get here. You might have paid \$500, \$600, \$700 for a ticket and there's no room at the end."

Cyr also noted that some people will list tickets online without having them, but once they find a consumer willing to purchase them at an extremely high price, they'll buy a ticket for less and pocket the difference.

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'My chance to live the dream'

Woman losing vision puts playoff tickets on 'eyesight bucket list'



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Cindy Lovell is preparing for the day she wakes up blind.

The 39-year-old wife and mother was diagnosed a year ago with retinitis pigmentosa, a degenerative condition that has already claimed her peripheral vision and is expected to one day claim her sight entirely.

'It progresses differently in certain people, so they can't definitely say you'll have vision for 10 years or for five or whatever," Lovell said. "They just know it happens quickly for some and it takes a long time for others."

That uncertainty has led Lovell to create what she calls an "eyesight bucket list" — things she wants to see while she still

So far, she's flown in a hotair balloon, petted a kangaroo and helped build and drive a demolition-derby car.

But there's one thing she's especially hoping to cross off the list.

Now that her beloved Calgary Flames have qualified for the post season for the first time in six years, she wants to see them play in the NHL playoffs.

"I've been thinking this is it," she said. "This is my chance to live the dream of sitting in the Saddledome and seeing them and hearing the crowd and just immersing myself in it."

Though she now lives in Kelowna, Lovell said she's been a Flames fan through thick and thin, "since the Lanny McDonald days." She's willing to travel to Calgary on a moment's no-



I hope it works out for her, because she would love it.

Friend Jenny Jardine

tice — if she can find tickets. Lovell has entered the

Flames' lottery for the limited tickets that will be made available and has put out a call to all her friends and family in Alberta, but she's still searching to secure a seat.
"I hope it works out for her,

because she would love it,' said Jenny Jardine, a childhood friend who took Lovell to her first Flames game when they were both in high school. She recalled waiting outside the Saddledome together as teenagers, nearly freezing to death, to get autographs.

Anyone with a line on Flames playoffs seats is invited to email Lovell at: clovell@ telus.net.



Cindy Lovell is a former Calgary resident who now lives in Kelowna but would travel back to the city of her birth on a moment's notice to attend a Flames playoff game - if she can find tickets. CONTRIBUTED



🚹 DIAGNOSIS

Retinitis pigmentosa leads woman to appreciate each day

Retinitis pigmentosa, according to the CNIB, refers to a group of diseases that tend to be hereditary and cause slow but progressive vision loss through the gradual destruction of light-sensing cells in the

"I could wake up tomorrow and be blind - that's how fast it can progress - but I could also wake up five years from now and still see," Lovell said.

She has struggled, at points, since the diagnosis but also said the condition has led her to appreciate each day she has — with vision, yes, but also simply being

"I do try to study my loved ones' faces as best I can so when I'm lying in the dark I can envision their faces," she said.

"That's the only part I'm really scared about - not being able to remember what they look like." ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO



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Comic Expo: 10 years of geekdom

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Event has gone from a small crowd to large convention

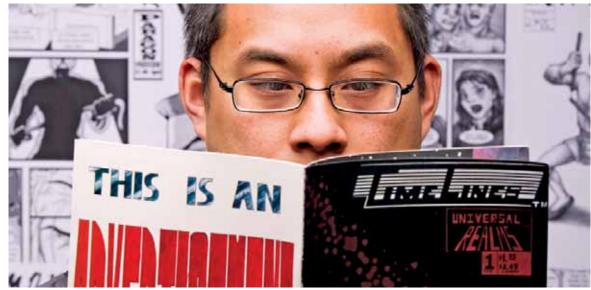
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In the world of all things nerdy in the realm of Calgary, one has emerged as the clear leader -Kandrix Foong.

The last 10 years of being at of helm of the Calgary Comic and Entertainment Expo ship, Foong and his staff have taken the event from a small gathering of talented local artists, to one of the biggest comic and entertainment conventions in North America.

"Honestly I'd say it's a giant roller-coaster ride with lots of highs and lows," said Foong.

'I think the best part for me is finding that true calling. Some people are just built for certain things. Of course whether the public actually agrees with that or not is a different story, but



Kandrix Foong with one of the first comic-related projects he ever worked on. CANDICE WARD/FOR METRO

for me I feel like this is what I'm supposed to do."

Foong studied business at the University of Calgary and through connections that he made by attending comic conventions around North America

and his business knowledge, the Calgary Comic and Entertainment Expo was born.

Over the past 10 years, the Expo has now expanded to sister shows in Edmonton and Saskatoon

If the Expo was about just making money, Foong would have folded the venture many years ago

Up until a few years ago, Foong was funding the Expo out of his own pocket.

"I am not only in this to make money because if that were the case, there would be a lot of very different decisions I would have made in terms of generating more of that," said Foong.



EVENT

100,000 attending

With this year's four-day event (April 16 to 19) expecting to attract about 100,000 people, maybe Foong's legacy will be to shift this city from being known for the Calgary Stampede and superior sports teams, to being known as the geek capital of the world.

As of Tuesday morning, tickets were still available for the show (four-day and Saturday passes were sold

For more information on the Calgary Comic and Entertainment Expo. visit www.calgarvexpo.com. CANDICE WARD/FOR METRO

Foong only began working on the Expo full-time in 2010 the year he brought out Leonard Nimoy to Vulcan, Alta.

"It's about that innovation and being a part of something that is really awesome and leaving some sort of legacy," he said.



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Canadian actor Jason Priestley will be at the Calgary Comic and Entertainment Expo this weekend. CONTRIBUTED

Priestley on doughnuts and hockey

ENTERTAINMENT

Former 90210 star will be at the expo Friday and Saturday

Candace Ward For Metro

Jason Priestley may be best known for his early role as Brandon Walsh on the hit TV show Beverly Hills 90210, but this Canadian-born actor has been able to ride out his fame from the '90s and turn it into a long-lasting, multifaceted entertainment career.

He has even had the good fortune to have a Tim Hortons doughnut named after him.

Priestley is one of the many celebrity guests attending the Calgary Comic and Entertainment Expo from April 16 to 19 (Priestley appears Friday and Saturday) at the Stampede Grounds. He spoke to Metro before the event.

With such a successful career early on in life, how do you keep yourself grounded?

That's a good question. And it wasn't always easy. And I wasn't always successful. I just always tried to keep everything in perspective. I think being Canadian helped me in that regard.

Although you live in California now, what truly Canadian

aspects about yourself do you hold onto?

My love of hockey and doughnuts!

What are you looking forward to the most about coming to Calgary and the Calgary Comic and Entertainment Expo?

I love Calgary. I've shot a number of movies there over the years and I really enjoy spending time in the city. But maybe the thing I'm looking forward to most is a big steak at Caesar's!

How important is it to you to connect with your fans on a one-on-one basis?

I always enjoy meeting my fans one-on-one. And expos are really the only place we get to do it.

When was the last time you and your former Beverly Hills 90210 co-stars Luke (Perry) and Ian (Ziering) were together?

It's been a while since we were all together. Work seems to always have us in different parts of the world. I think we will all have fun being together for the weekend.

What can fans look forward to seeing you in next?

Next up for me, the feature film Zoom, in theatres later this year.

What is the lasting impression you want your career to ultimately have on the Canadian entertainment industry?

I just hope, that at the end of the day, I made some people laugh.

COMIC EXPO

Need for star guests not sustainable: Expo chief

Up until recently, many fans of the Calgary Comic and Entertainment Expo have criticized organizers for not pulling in big names as they have in the past (2012 was the Star Trek: The Next Generation reunion, and last year was the Aliens–EXPOsed event with Sigourney Weaver and cast mates).

While founder Kandrix Foong has been feeling the pressure, he says it's not sustainable and isn't what the Expo is about.

"There is this weird love/hate

relationship with the fans. The fans make us what we are, but there's no satisfaction for a lot of the fans," says Foong.

"It does not matter who we announce. I could announce every single amazing person I can think of, and we would still get somebody who is going to complain. It is almost like we are running a complaint line for a telecommunications company in a weird way with the amount of feedback we are getting or the hate mail we get."

After the cancellation of Norman Reedus (The Walking Dead), who was called back for filming, fans took to social media to air their grievances about the guest lineup at this year's Expo.

The cancellation of one of their biggest guests was not something the Expo took lightly.

"Whenever we get a guest cancellation, we do our best to find a replacement as quickly as possible, and in Reedus' case it was very difficult," says Foong.

"Usually we try to have the replacement be on a lateral or horizontal level, meaning someone of equal popularity from that franchise — except that just wasn't possible."

Despite some of the negative feedback received, Foong says he is happy with the strong lineup of guests they have put together for this year's show and that this year's show will not disappoint.

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Zoo rep lashes out against provincial 'witch hunts'

Family claims the demanded upgrades would cost \$500,000



Jeremy Nolais Metro | Calgary

Number of

conditions GuZoo must

meet, according to Irene

A member of the family behind Alberta's notorious GuZoo has accused the government of conducting a series of inspection "witch hunts," before slapping down dozens of conditions that must be met to keep the private facility open.

Staff at the zoo have denied requests for an indepth interview since it came to light at the beginning of April that the province had given them 30 days to shape up or face de-commissioning.

But Irene Gustafson, daughter-in-law

of GuZoo owner Lynn Gustafson, posted a series of videos to YouTube last week in which she goes through what looks to be a copy of the provincial inspection report of the zoo as well as the 42 conditions it must meet.

GuZoo owners have until Wednesday to indicate in writing to Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development (AESRD) whether they plan to stay open. Reached briefly by phone April 1, Lynn Gustafson said he's launched a "rehoming" plan for the exotic animals that would ship the bulk of them to other zoos. The plan then, he said, is to reopen with domestic animals only.

But Irene took a less conciliatory stance in her video series.

"I need a lawyer," she says at one point. "If any of you know a lawyer, someone who's willing to take on the government of Alberta on a multimillion-dollar lawsuit, send them my way.'

Both the province and GuZoo have denied requests by Metro for a copy of the latest facility inspection report as well the

conditions set out to qualify for a new operating permit.
AESRD spokes-

man Duncan Mac-Donnell would only say previously that long-standing concerns at the private facility were the driving force behind the 30-day temporary permit

being issued, one which prevents the zoo from having actual visitors.

"We found that very little work had been completed on those prior deficiencies and that several additional concerns were raised," MacDonnell said.

In the videos, Irene Gustafson indicates that the upgrades being sought by the province



A Bengal tiger keeps close watch over visitors to GuZoo near Three Hills in 2013. Inset: Irene Gustafson, daughter-in-law of zoo owner Lynn Gustafson, during a video posted online that appears to delve into a recent inspection of the facility. METRO FILE; INSET: SCREENGRAB

would run her family \$500,000, adding she suspects the province may be bending to the will of animal-rights groups who've long called for GuZoo to be closed.

Zoocheck Canada and Voice for Animals did apply for a judicial review of the zoo last year, and that was expected to come to a head in the fall.

"The government has told us we're not allowed to have the public here," Irene said. "Why? We asked them that and they said because our place isn't safe. Apparently, it was safe two weeks ago but it's not safe today."

But Zoocheck's Julie Woodyer

said the province has been "enormously patient" with the facility and has given its owners seven years to bring it up to par.

"The standards are pretty basic; they're not particularly high," she said. "Anybody who can't make that basic level of quality for animals really shouldn't be in operation."

Footage released in smash and grab

Police released surveillancecamera footage Tuesday after a truck rammed the front entrance of Malborough Mall early

Two offenders forced their way into the mall with a stolen truck, entered a jewelry store and took several items. They caused an estimated \$80,000 in damages and fled the scene.

A public tip led police to the truck, which was found in the 4100 block of Maryvale Drive N.E.

The first offender is described as a white male. He wore a scarf around his face, jeans and a dark-blue windbreaker. He was also wearing blue, grey and white runners.

The second man, whose face was obscured throughout the incident, was wearing a grey hoodie, jeans and black Nike runners with white soles.

Anyone with information about the incident or the people involved is asked to call police at 403-266-1234 or Crime Stoppers anonymously. METRO



Surveillance footage of the two culprits. CONTRIBUTED

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Film Festival adds arcade

CUFFcade creates social sphere



Anna Brooks Metro | Calgary

The Calgary Underground Film Festival (ČUFF) isn't just for moviegoers anymore.

The revered film fest has revamped part of The Globe Cinema into an arcade (now known as CUFFcade) that hosts five games all produced by Canadian developers.

Calgary game developer Mike Lohaus said opening night there was a line-up to play the arcade games, and him and his fellow developers were amazed at the overwhelming positive reception of CUFFcade.

"We just had the biggest grins on our faces watching people enjoy our games," Lohaus said. "You put a lot of hard work into these things, and just seeing people playing and reacting how you intended them to is very cool."

Lohaus said CUFF had been looking to incorporate games into the festival for some time, and with the independent game market growing so quickly, CUFFcade couldn't

have come at a better time.

With so many avid gamers used to playing isolated in front of a computer, Lohaus added CUFFcade already seems to be encouraging a more social arcade experience.

"There's a want in Calgary for this kind of stuff," Lohaus said. "It's great when you have a bunch of people playing and talking to each other. It's very much more social than just sitting at home."



Calgary developer Mike Lohaus tests out some local games at this year's very first CUFFcade. ANNA BROOKS/METRO

Orchestra plays for the environment

The Devonian Gardens will be ripe with the musical melodies of the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra during a special day of environmental education this Thursday.

Hadi Fares, environmental education specialist with the City of Calgary, said there seems to be a natural link between music and nature, and wanted to explore the idea of combining the two to teach the public more about the environment.

"We're trying to engage people in the park," Fares said. 'If you can connect people with nature, they'll want to take care of and engage in the

Fares added that a lot of family traffic comes through the gardens over lunch, making it the perfect time for environmental educators to use animal artifacts and musical games to teach children about Calgary parks.

"It's a way of tying in education and having fun at the same time," Fares said. "And a lot of people don't know the Philharmonic Orchestra is there, so having something beautiful to listen to just makes the park experience that much better." ANNA BROOKS/MFTRO



Musicians from the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra serenade the city's lunchtime crowd during last year's performance at the Devonian Gardens. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

🛑 IN BRIEF

Calgary issues fire safety advisory

Calgary issued a fire safety "advisory" Tuesday in response to dry conditions and high winds, but stopped short of an outdoor burning ban. "This fire safety advisory is to remind citizens to be cautious when using outdoor open flames and disposing of smoking materials," the Calgary Fire Department said in a release. The city has seen two recent grass fires at Nose Hill Park and the conditions that led to those blazes are likely to persist. METRO

Police ask for public help to curb property theft

Police are again urging the public to think twice before leaving garage doors unlocked and keys in vehicles.

After a 76-per-cent rise in vehicle thefts, 60-per-cent increase in car prowlings, and a 31-per-cent increase in break-and-enters, police are struggling to keep up.

The Calgary Police Service said patrols have been increased but they need the public's help to stop thefts by making sure vehicles and property are secure. METRO



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Unemployment rate up: Report

THINK TANK

Broadbent Institute critical of PM's policies

Unemployment is higher, job quality is mixed and there is evidence pay inequality has increased under the Harper government, according to a report to be published Wednesday.

While the economy has created more jobs since the Great Recession of 2008, the unemployment rate is still higher than it was in 2006 when the Harper government came to office, the report for the Broadbent Institute found.

"That hasn't stopped Stephen Harper and his Conservative government from trumpeting their record as good economic managers, claiming to pursue a successful jobs and growth agenda," the report by the progressive Ottawa-based think tank noted.

With a federal budget less than two weeks away and an election campaign coming this



Job growth in Canada since 2006 has been disproportionately concentrated in part-time service sector jobs such as fast food, a new report from a left of centre think tank concludes. THE CANADIAN PRESS

fall, the institute decided to take a closer look at whether the job market has improved under Harper's watch.

"We've got a federal election coming. We should debate the record," said Andrew Jackson, the institute's senior policy advisor. "We should be talking about how to create more and better jobs, instead of pretending there's no problem.

Federal finance minister Joe Oliver, in a recent speech in Toronto, said the government had created more than 1.2 million net new jobs since the depths of the recession, calling it one

of the strongest job creation records in the G7.

"The overwhelming majority of those jobs are full-time, private sector, and in highwage industries," Oliver said in a speech to the Economic Club of Canada.

Oliver also said Canada has

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Andrew Jackson, the Broadbent Institute's senior policy advisor

no problem

the best pay gains in the G7 according to the International Labour Organization's Global Wage Report.

Canada has experienced continuing middle-income growth, while for many countries it has halted, according to the Centre for American Progress, Oliver said in the speech.

A Fraser Institute report concluded that "the adult unemployment rate is at historically low levels", and Canada has seen "a marked increase in high-wage factory jobs in recent years," Oliver also noted.

Jackson said his research

found a third of new jobs are in the lowest-paid occupations, such as sales and service, and a third of new jobs are part-time.

Wages are "about flat" if you adjust for inflation, Jackson said.

"I think the key point I'm making is they're over-hyping the quality of the jobs they've created. And 2009 is not the appropriate starting point," Jackson said.

In comparison with 2006, when the Harper government was first elected, unemployment is higher for all age groups and both genders, the institute notes, based on data supplied by Statistics Canada.

Among 25 to 54 year olds, for example, the unemployment rate in 2006 was 5.3 per cent. The rate rose in 2009, during the Great Recession, to 7.1 per cent. By the end of 2014, it had fallen to 5.8 per cent but remained above pre-recession levels, the data shows.

The number of part-time jobs rose at twice the rate of fulltime jobs and was concentrated among older workers over age 55, the report says.

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IN BRIEF

Indian PM Modi arrives in Ottawa for broad visit

From trade, to energy, to the environment, to security, to culture, Prime Minister Stephen Harper will have no shortage of topics to discuss with visiting Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Harper will also have an unspoken domestic political dividend — boosting his party's standing with Canada's 1.2 million Indo-Canadians as an October federal election looms.

After a meeting Wednesday, Harper will accompany Modi to Toronto and Vancouver and will have no fewer than 16 fellow Conservatives appearing with them at various events.

Harper's fondness for diaspora politics is well known. His tough talk towards Russia is seen as a way of courting the 1.2 mil-lion Canadians of Ukrainian descent, for instance. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Top court strikes down mandatory minimums for gun crimes

The Supreme Court of Canada dealt the Harper government's tough-on-crime agenda a serious blow Tuesday by striking down a law requiring mandatory minimum sentences for gun crimes. The 6-3 ruling said the statute was unconsti-tutional as it upheld a 2013 Ontario Court of Appeal ruling. The court said the man-datory minimum sentence could ensnare people with "little or no moral fault" and who pose "little or no danger to the public." It cited as, an example, a person who inherits a firearm and does not immediately get a license for the weapon. THE CANADIAN PRESS



WHEN HOCKEY AND CLIMATE CHANGE COLLIDE

Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne, from the left, Quebec Premier Philippe Couillard and Manitoba Premier Greg Selinger are seen at an interprovincial summit on climate change in Quebec City on Tuesday holding sweaters from their province's teams that will participate in the NHL playoffs. The goal of the meeting was to show Canadians how their leaders were uniting to fight the effects of climate change, but it also highlighted their differences. While provinces such as Ontario and Quebec are working on capand-trade carbon emissions, Saskatchewan Premier Brad Wall said that Canada should be focusing on creating cleancoal technology. JACQUES BOISSINOT

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Keep Kenyan refugee camp open: Student

CONFLICT

Over 500,000 people have relocated to Dadaab camp



Gilbert **Ngabo** Metro | Toronto

Hassan Mohamed was only two when his family settled into Dadaab refugee camp in northern Kenya, fleeing civil war that was ravaging Somalia. He left in 2012 and came to Toronto as a student.

His parents and five siblings remain in the camp, "living in real terror," Mohamed said as the UN refugee agency pleads with the Kenyan government

to keep it open.
"Closing that camp and sending people back in Somalia is like throwing them into a burning fire," Mohamed said Tuesday amid reports of more violent deaths in his homeland.

"These refugees are no lesser victims of al-Shabab."

Leaders in Kenya have ordered Dadaab be closed and more than 500,000 refugees relocated in the wake of an April 2 attack that killed nearly 150 students at Garissa University College.

Officials suspect members of al-Shabab — a militant Islamist group — are hiding in the refugee camp, the world's largest.

Kenya's vice-president has said the country needs to change "the way America changed after 9/11."

Closing the camp would cause "extreme humanitarian and practical consequences,

the UN refugee agency said. Mohamed hopes to see more security measures instead of drastic action at Dadaab — a place he holds dear.

"That camp raised me and made me who I am today," said the third-year University of Guelph accounting and computer student. "I don't think closing it down will solve Kenva's security problems."

Coalition? Not with **Mulcair: Trudeau**

Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau says he would "maybe" be open to the idea of forming a coalition with the NDP if Tom Mulcair was not running the party. Asked on Tuesday whether having some-one other than Mulcair as leader would change the dynamic in terms of a coalition between the two parties, Trudeau replied: "I don't know. ... Honestly, I don't want get into hypotheses. Maybe, but maybe not.

"(Mulcair's) style is anchored

in the old way of practising politics. Politics needs to be about rallying. And we have very different perspectives on how politics should be practised."

Some recent polls have suggested the possibility of a minority government in Ottawa after this fall's election. Mulcair reiterated his openness last month to a possible coalition with the Liberals if it is necessary to topple Stephen Harper's Conservatives.

On Tuesday, Trudeau rejected the idea of a coalition.

"I'm not interested at all in any formal arrangement," said the Liberal leader, noting that the parties have differences of opinion on economic and constitutional issues, the Canadian Press



Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canadian forces in Ukraine will not be in danger: Kenney

The Harper government went to extra lengths Tuesday to make it clear Canadian military trainers will not be in harm's way when they deploy to western Ukraine to school battle-weary formations in the finer points of combat.

These Canadian Armed Forces personnel will not be going anywhere remotely close to the conflict zone in eastern Ukraine," Defence Minister Jason Kenney told a news conference

The U.S.-led mission is unlikely to raise the temperature of the simmering conflict in eastern Europe, but that could change if Washington, Ottawa and other nations decide to permanently base troops in places like Poland and the Baltic states, which NATO is being urged to do.

Steve Saideman, chairman in international affairs at Carleton University in Ottawa, said Russia will likely make noise about the mission and milk it for propa-ganda value, but likely won't

seek to retaliate.
"We still live in a nuclear world, and there are certain things Russia can do, and certain things Russian can't do," Saideman said. "What I think the Russians would care more about was if the United States planted a brigade in Poland and another brigade strewn throughout the Baltics. That would be much more upsetting to them."

He says another cautionary line would be crossed if the West decided to ship arms and munitions to Ukraine.

NDP Leader Tom Mulcair, however, says he is very concerned by what he calls a dangerous precedent and a lack of consultation.
"This is not a NATO mission

and yet we're going to be on the Russian border," he said during a stop in Rimouski, Que.

Paul McCartney urges end to Canada's commercial seal hunt

Former Beatles frontman Paul McCartney is again calling for an end to Canada's East Coast commercial seal hunt, roiling supporters who say it's a humane source of cash for

struggling outports.

McCartney appeals for a stop to what he calls a "senseless slaughter" in a statement released Tuesday by Humane Society International Society International.

The group plans to docu-ment the hunt on film as it has for years.

"Their videos of the bloody seal slaughter provide the only vital evidence to demonstrate BACKGROUND

The federal government set the allowable catch at 400,000 harp seals, 60,000 grey seals and 8,000 hooded seals.

year after year that these seals are dying a horrible death for their fur," McCartney said. Anti-sealing campaigns

have helped inspire bans on seal-product imports in the European Union, the United

States, Mexico and other coun-

The hunt opened Sunday on the Front off northeastern Newfoundland and southern Labrador, as well as in the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

It has dwindled in recent years, with fewer than 55,000 harp seals landed last year compared to a federal quota of about 400,000. Hunters were urged to ensure they have a buyer before heading out. The federal government has

defended the commercial seal hunt as humane and sustain-



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Ten killed in attack on school ministry

Ten people were killed on Tuesday in an assault on the offices of Somalia's education ministry and seven attackers were also killed, said a gov-

ernment spokesman.

The fatalities include eight civilians and two soldiers, said spokesman Ridwan Haji Abdiweli.

Police later secured the Ministry of Higher Education office complex, said Capt. Mohamed Hussein, a senior police officer.

The attackers stormed the education ministry's offices after a suicide car bomber detonated his vehicle at the gate of the complex, opening the way for gunmen to enter, said Hussein.

The assault on the walled compound, which also houses other government ministries, is the latest attack by suspected Islamic extremists of al-Shabab who are maintaining a series of attacks in the capital on government targets and the African Union forces who are supporting

the government.
Smoke was seen rising over the compound and se-curity forces rushed to the scene and ambulances ferried wounded victims to hospitals.

This is not the first time al-Shabab has attacked the government's education ministry. A suicide car bomber detonated a truck at the education offices in 2011, killing at least 70, mostly students who were applying for scholarships to study in Turkey. Al-Shabab often accuses

the ministry of westernizing Somalia's education system.



Young girls known as Chibok Ambassadors, carry placards bearing the names of the girls kidnapped from the government secondary school in Chibok, a year ago, during a demonstration, in Abuja, Nigeria, Tuesday. SUNDAY ALAMBA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hope fades for return of kidnapped girls

New president can't promise to find them

They have been gone a year now, the hundreds of girls abducted by Islamic militants from their school in northeastern Nigeria.

And while the cry to "Bring Back Our Girls" remains a worldwide cause, On Tuesday the new Nigerian president would not repeat his predecessor's failed promise to find them — only that they won't be forgotten. A solemn march was held to

remember the 219 girls seized from their boarding school in Chibok by gunmen from the

Boko Haram extremist group. In Nigeria's capital of Abuja, 219 girls paraded in the streets, with each carrying a placard bearing the name of a kidnap victim. "We believe the girls are still

alive," said Dr. Allan Manasseh, the brother of missing 18-yearold Maryamu Wavi, in an interview with The Associated Press. But it was clear that hope has

dwindled a year after the April 14-15 mass abduction.

President-elect Muhammadu Buhari said he must be honest about the prospects of getting the missing girls back to their

families.
"We do not know if the Chibok girls can be rescued. Their whereabouts remain unknown," Buhari said in a statement. "As

much as I wish to I cannot promise that we can find them.'

The statement by Buhari, a former military ruler of Nigeria who was elected last month and takes over May 29, is a marked departure from President Goodluck Jonathan. After Jonathan's administration initially denied there had even been a kidnapping, he made repeated hollow promises that the girls would be rescued.

Campaigners have replaced the slogan of "Bring Back Our Girls — Now and Alive!" with a new one: "Never to be forgotten.'

Still, some of the marchers Tuesday held the new leadership accountable. "We are here to appeal to the

government to do better. We want our girls now and alive,'

said Solamipe Onifade, 16. A vigil was held after sundown, with people holding can-

dles and singing.
The gunmen initially seized 276 girls, but several dozen managed to escape as the militants transported them to the Sambisa Forest, with some clinging to the branches of trees from a moving open-back truck. Those still missing may have been split up. Witnesses said some girls were taken across the border into

Boko Haram's leader. Abubakar Shekau, claimed they had converted to Islam and been married off to his fighters.



Turkish president condemns Pope Francis

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan says he is "condemning" Pope Francis for describing the slaughter of an estimated 1.5 million Armenians by Ottoman Turks as "the first genocide of the 20th century" and for urging the international community to recognize it as such.

Turkey denies the kill-ings that began 100 years ago were genocide and contends those who died were victims of civil war and unrest. Turkey also insists the death toll has been inflated.
It responded to the

pope's words Sunday by recalling its ambassador to the Vatican and accusing Francis of spreading hatred and "unfounded claims." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Survivors say 400 migrants drowned in capsizing off Libya coast

Survivors of a capsized migrant boat off Libva have told the aid group Save the Children that an estimated 400 people are believed to have drowned.

Even before the survivors were interviewed, Italy's coast guard said it assumed that there were many dead given the size of the ship and that nine bodies had been found.

The coast guard had helped rescue some 144 people on Monday and im-mediately launched an air and sea search operation in hopes of finding others. No other survivors or bod-

ies have been recovered. On Tuesday, Save the Children said its interviews with survivors who arrived in Reggio Calabria indicated there may have been 400 others who drowned.

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Sculpture of a cigarette butt in Paris. REMY DE LA MAUVINIERE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Smoking, drinking, obesity, anorexic models on the hit list

In one of the most image-conscious cities on earth, France's Parliament has moved to make it a crime to use anorexic models or encourage anorexia, as authorities try to crack down on the glorification of dangerously thin women.

France's lower house of Par-liament has approved a draft law tackling a range of public health problems from smok-ing and drinking to obesity and anorexia.

The bill passed in the National Assembly on Tuesday with 311 votes in favour and 241 against. The reform now goes to the Senate.

One measure would make it a crime to use anorexic models or encourage anorexia. Any modelling agency or person

who pays a model below a certain body mass index would face up to six months in prison and 75,000 euros (\$80,000 US) in fines if convicted.

Another measure would force manufacturers to package cigarettes in plain boxes

In another part of the bill, people who encourage minors to drink excessively could face a year behind bars and a 15,000 euro (\$16,000 US) fine.

The sale to minors of products inciting people to get drunk, such as T-shirts, would be forbidden.

Similar anti-anorexia meas ures in 2008 failed to get final approval in the French legislature, and this effort has also met resistance, including from health professionals who fear it will further stigmatize anorexic youth and make it harder to diagnose and treat them.

Up to 40,000 people are estimated to have anorexia in France, 90 percent of whom are women, according to the

health ministry.

The World Health Organization says that a body mass index of less than 18.5 is

"underweight." Britain's National Health Service says adults with an-orexia generally have a body mass index of less than 17.5. That would correspond to a woman who is about 170 centimetres (five-foot-seven) and 112 pounds.

Other countries including Israel and Spain have taken similar action. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Man'choked,' killedboy: State

Closing arguments in 1979 missing child trial

The case of a six-year-old boy who vanished in 1979 marked the end of an innocent era but has led to reforms that have helped save many children from a similar fate, a prosecutor said Tuesday at the trial of the man accused

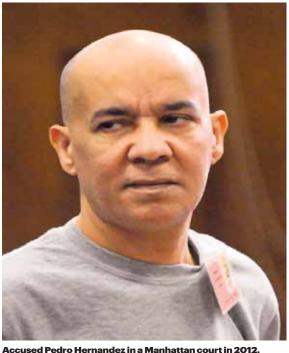
of killing him.
Etan Patz "is larger than his very little, important life," Assistant District Attorney Joan Illuzzi-Orbon said in closing arguments at the Manhattan murder trial of Pedro Hernandez, a 54-year-old New Jersey

Hernandez confessed in 2012 in a case that has confounded law enforcement for decades. Etan's body was never found, nor was any trace of clothing or his belongings.

The defence says the admissions are the fictional ravings of a mentally ill man with a

Hernandez, who was a teenage stock clerk, knew there were children in and out of the store, and Etan had been there countless times, the prosecutor said.

Illuzzi-Orbon said Hernandez saw Etan with a dollar and asked him to the basement. She said the motive was sexual, and Etan likely fought back. "The quickest and easiest way to shut him up and shut him up permanently was to choke him to death," she said. Illuzzi-Orbon said his first



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confession to a prayer group shortly after the boy dis-appeared was the most accurate. Prayer circle members testified that Hernandez made tearful admissions during a 1979 retreat that matched some of what he told authorities on video 33 years later.

The accused made the stunning admissions decades after police received a tip from a relative.

"I grabbed him by the neck

and started choking him," said Hernandez, now 54. "I was nervous. My legs were jumping. I wanted to let go, but I just couldn't let go. I felt like something just took over me."

Defence attorney Harvey Fishbein said the confession video shows "a man sitting there convinced he killed a child — on a day that he doesn't know, at a time he doesn't know..

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Toy tester shutting down

The Canadian Toy Testing Council. a volunteer organization that for decades has given parents independent advice on which toys are best for their children, is closing its doors effective the end of June.

Under financial pressure for years, the council's board of directors voted last month to cease operations following an exhaustive but vain search for new sponsors, the CAN-

Spectrum auction starts

Smaller players in Can-ada's wireless market will likely gain a little ground on the telecom companies through Ottawa's latest auctioning of spectrum, which began Tuesday, says an industry expert. The airwaves cover spectrum used to provide high-bandwidth functions like streaming video to smartphones but also for home Internet service in rural areas where wired service is unavailable. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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More Canadians cut cord: Report

Another 95,000 households left last year, says tracking group

More Canadians are choosing to cancel their cable TV and satellite packages, and a new report suggests there's no sign of the migration slowing down. The Convergence Consulting Group says about 95,000 fewer households had a cable TV or satellite subscription at the end of 2014, compared with 2013.

By those estimates, more than 21 per cent of Canadian households or 3.09 million homes did not have a cable TV or satellite TV subscrip-

tion at the end of last year. "These are very strong drops in TV," said Brahm Eiley, president of Convergence Consulting, a Toronto-based firm that collects extensive data on the North American

cable and phone industries.
Growth in the Canadian
TV market was steady from
2007 to 2011, with annual subscriber additions averaging about 220,000 households, Eiley said. But in 2013, a change in direction started to emerge, with the number of TV subscriptions falling by 13,000.

This year, Eiley expects the industry will lose another 97,000, as the shift continues at a stronger clip.

Several factors are at work in the decline, Eiley suggested. Some younger households never signed up for TV services, which pulls down net subscriber numbers, while more households that once paid for cable are putting their



A report says more Canadians are becoming comfortable watching content through other platforms and are cancelling TV packages. NETFLIX INC/ THE CANADIAN PRESS-THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SUBSCRIBER BASE

Canadians streaming to Netflix, report says

The report estimates Netflix subscribers grew to 3.9 million last year in Canada, an increase from three million in 2013.

The big telecoms have been fighting back, with competing services like Shomi from Rogers and Shaw, and CraveTV from Bell and its partners, including Telus, Bell Aliant and Eastlink. The study also found

more Canadians are be-coming comfortable watching content through other Internet platforms whether it's through the web platforms of TV chan-nels like CTV and CBC or illegal downloads through torrent websites.

cash toward video-streaming services like Netflix instead.

Eiley said it's surprising how quickly Canadians have adopted the limited number of alternatives to traditional TV, especially considering that U.S. viewers have been slower on the take-up despite a wider array of streaming video options.

Most recently both HBO and U.S. network CBS launched "over-the-top" streaming video packages, which mean they buck the cable operators with a direct-to-consumer subscrip-

tion model.

"Now that the American programmers are more comfortable going over-the-top themselves, it will be very interesting to see what happens in terms of what they do here in Canada," he said.

Library group lists controversial books

At least one part of the publishing world has a diverse slate of authors: the books most likely to be pulled from library and school shelves. The American Library As-

sociation on Monday released its annual list of the 10 books receiving the most complaints from parents, educators and others in the local community.

Sherman Alexie's prize-win ning autobiographical novel of school life, The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian, ranked No. 1, followed by Marjane Satrapi's graphic novel Persepolis and the picture book about two male penguins raising a baby penguin, Peter Par-nell's and Justin Richardson's And Tango Makes Three.

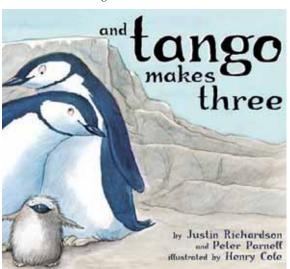
Others on the list include Toni Morrison's debut novel The Bluest Eve, Khaled Hosseini's million-selling novel

The Kite Runner and Jaycee Dugard's bestselling memoir about her kidnapping, A Stolen Life.

Several of the authors listed were either non-whites — even though just a small percentage of books released each year are by non-whites — or writers of books with gay, lesbian or transgender themes.

Reasons for books being challenged ranged from "cul-tural insensitivity" in Alexie's novel, in which the author draws upon his experiences as an American Indian at a virtually all-white high school. to "promotes the homosexual agenda" in And Tango Makes Three.

Common complaints include explicit sex, violence, references to drugs and alcohol and offensive language. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



The book And Tango Makes Three was one of the most challenged" in schools and libraries, says the American Library Association. SIMON & SCHUSTER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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the big question

What's the 'best before' date with human eggs?

The standard storage period for human eggs is 10 years. Viability is not guaranteed but vitrification (flash-freezing, eggs at -196 C) has more success than slow cooling. Spermatozoa are easier to keep, it seems: normal pregnancies have resulted from 12-year-old samples. Even natural fertility isn't foolproof: sex every two to three days over a year only has an 80 per cent pregnancy rate for women under 40.

To binge or to bond, that is the question



I stopped watching Orange is the New Black the moment I learned my wife cheated on me ... by watching it without me.

We enjoyed the first season over a month, curled up on the couch every few nights. That's accelerated viewing to me, a TV grazer, but glacial to the Netflix Queen I married. She met me in the middle, until I left the country. We both did — it was a vacation. But for her, Europe was no match for Season 2.

What's that Milan Kundera quote? "Two people in love, alone, isolated from the world, that's beautiful. But what would they nourish

their intimate talk with?" Not television.

Binge-watching has destroyed the shared viewing experience, turning TV like Marvel's Daredevil, dumped on Netflix at midnight Friday, into an individualistic experience. On one hand, it allows you to catch more clues, nuances, and see the inner workings of a show. On the other hand, it dilutes the social pleasure of television discourse.

Even with social media allowing us to have worldwide simultaneous conversations about new shows, the chatter is trite and tends to be either bland praise or useless status updates of which episode users have reached.

Where there's discussion, it's completely out of sync. Imagine J.R. getting shot in the original Dallas, not on

the same night, but staggered over weeks or months. That explains why no Netflix or Amazon original programming has yet had a "Red Wedding" moment that infects your social spheres. Though it's not for a lack of trying.

Had House of Cards been offered in 13 courses instead of buffet style, then Francis Underwood throwing Zoe Barnes in front of the train would surely have made a splash at the water-cooler. But who's to say the person waiting to fill up would be ready for such a spoiler? (P.S.: Spoiler alert.)

Cards, like Orange, is another show I abandoned. With so many condensed highs and lows, I'd become desensitized and, well,

Great television shows

build audiences over time, with cliffhangers that linger within you and require a social outlet that builds further word of mouth. We saw that with Breaking Bad and True Detective, and we're seeing it now with Empire, the FOX hip-hop opera that increased its audience with each episode until it wrapped up the season last month.

And perhaps we will see that with Netflix's next show in May, the Canadian thriller Between. It's rolling out over six weeks because of a threeway deal with Shomi and City. Tortured subscribers — and married people — might appreciate it in the long run.

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"The micro-living pioneers are the so-called trailer trash"

Small is so chic these days.

There are trend pieces on laneway homes, Nordic cabin trailers, micro condos, and endless feature stories on "innovative" small living spaces that read like some kind of scientific discovery.

Please. Small space living is nothing new, not even in North America. And the original micro-living pioneers are the so-called trailer trash.

"If Bubbles was here I would give him the biggest hug," Cindy MacDonald tells me over the phone from her home in Calgary's Midfield Mobile Home Park.

"Trailer parks need to look out for one another!" the Trailer Park Boys star tweeted earlier this week and asked Mayor Naheed Nenshi to stop the city's plan to evict the park's residents in 2017, due to aging infrastructure.

MacDonald turned to Bubbles as an ironic champion after facing slurs like "trailer trash, whores and druggies," she said, thinking the beloved pop culture epitome of trailer trash might help turn the tide.

MacDonald should never have needed his PR help Mobile homes are perfectly fine homes. They're important sources of affordable housing for seniors and young families, according to a 2007 B.C. study. And they're even on the rise: The 2011 census found movable dwellings (which include mobile homes) are up to 183,510

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from 157,560 in 2001.

One new adopter is Isabella Mori, whose custombuilt trailer home in Vancouver is so chic it's spawned a newspaper trend story. As if mobile homes weren't a century old.

The trend pieces are "hilarious," agreed Jake Fry, one of the leaders in Vancouver's small-house movement. "(It's) as if someone had stumbled upon an idea not yet utilized, and yet it's probably the most common thing in the world, these type of smaller living environments for families."

We can thank the exorbitant and rising cost of urban housing for adding fuel to the trend. As someone who lives in a 200-square-foot studio apartment, I get the appeal of a pared-down home. Fry even argued the younger generation is motivated to live in smaller spaces by a desire to focus on what they need to be happy, and not what they want, like the Blue Jays' new van-living pitcher Daniel Norris.

Mobile homes aren't a likely option for most cities looking to expand up instead of out

And if and when MacDonald is evicted, it'll be amid the rise of the micro-condo in Toronto and the freight-container apartments in Vancouver — the higher-end evolution of an old search for housing that we can afford. Trailer-sized living, chic.



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You don't have to be an astrophysicist to get on Tyson's newshow

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What would Kim Kardashian know about science? Neil de-Grasse Tyson says the answer may surprise you.

"I would put her on StarTalk," says the popular scientist about his new National Geographic Channel series.

"What would we talk about? We would look at all the things she does. If she uses a hair straightener, there are chemicals in that hair straightener. If she bronzes her skin, we will talk about the chemicals. I will bring in a chemist to talk about cosmetics."

Having a conversation about science is at the heart of his series, premiering Monday, April 20 at 11 p.m. ET.

During each hour-long episode, Tyson sits down with a celebrity to explore how science and technology influence their lives.

'Maybe I was exaggerating a little bit, but if I could get (Kim Kardashian) on, I would do it," says Tyson.

Still, there is enough star power to tune in, with guests ranging from Star Trek alum George Takei and director Christopher Nolan, to syndicated columnist Dan Savage and Canadian astronaut Chris Hadfield.

"He was just as friendly and as smart and as charming as I had hoped and expected. He made a great guest," says Tyson about Hadfield. "I had not known that he also composes music. So on the StarTalk episode he sang for us the lullaby he composed for his kids while he was in space to sing them to sleep."

Tyson describes the process of choosing guests as "very crass and simple."

"It's: 'Are they famous?' We want them as a guest. We created Star-Talk to reach people who didn't know they liked science. Or people who knew they did not like science.

"You have to give them some other reason to participate in a science conversation. One way to do that is to comb the elements of pop culture and say, 'Are there singers, actors, directors, performers who have huge followings? Well, let's get them on StarTalk.' And, we will find ways science emanates from their profession — even in ways they might not have been aware of. We might find they have a little bit of geek in them."

Getting people in touch with their inner geek is noth-

seum of Natural History preing new for Tyson. The director of the Hayden viously hosted the PBS series Planetarium at the American Mu-NOVA ScienceNow and Cosmos: A Spacetime Odyssey.

He is also a popular scientific voice on social media, with more than 3.3 million Twitter followers.

"In the sciences, we are not generally rewarded for being sociable. Our reward comes from never leaving the laboratory," he says.

thought I was odd.

'That said, I do think a lot about pop culture. So I am a little bit fluent in some aspects of pop culture and so that helps. Because, if there is someone who doesn't know anything about science, but they know

everything about pop culture, I have a way to have a conversation



On Canadian currency

"Congratulations on the five-dollar bill that you guys have," says Tyson, noting the hockey players on the bill were replaced by the Canadarm when plastic currency was introduced. "I use it in all my lectures. Canada decided they didn't need the hockey players on the back of the five dollar bill. That they didn't need to be reminded that they liked hockey up in Canada. So, they could use that currency real estate on the on the back of the fivedollar bill and they could put Chris Hadfield and the Canadarm on it."

On being named to People's sexiest list

"To be clear, that was 15 years ago, and probably 15 kilos ago," says Tyson. "It was 'sexiest astrophysicist alive.' But consider the category. I don't think that is a very competitive category."





Tatiana Maslany, right, and Kristian Bruun in Orphan Black.

The marvelous multiplicity of Maslany

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It's rare enough for an actor to earn endless critical acclaim for a performance on TV. But there's one star receiving that kind of praise for several performances, all in one show: Tatiana Maslany. She's been doing that for two seasons as a group of clones on Orphan Black, which returns for a third season on Saturday. The show manages to be, at various

points, a satire of suburbia, a con artist action show and a horror movie with religious undertones. At the centre of it all is Maslany, anchoring a group of women who are learning to be siblings.

What would you say is the theme of the new season?

It feels to me like there's something about the idea of the girls being stronger as a team. We see them separate at the beginning because they've all had these huge life changes and are in different worlds entirely because of everything, but just by meeting, they've changed each other and they've discovered a family they now belong to. And I think that's been a huge thing for all of

Will they be separated again like they were last season, or will they be together more often this

They're splintered again. It's exciting to see them in their own worlds and coming

back together. They all have very separate lives, as much as they have come together. Cosima's sick and dealing with her mortality, so that's where her world picks up again, whereas Alison is in a loving relationship and very supported, and yet they have this secret that they're hiding from everyone, which is that they've buried a body in their garage. So there's all these different things that they're contending with that are very separate.



Shocked by Charlize Theron and Sean Penn's engagement? Turns out Theron is, too. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

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'Life just kicks you in the ass,' says Sean Penn's fiancée



Considering that during her nine-year relationship with Stuart Townsend she was vehemently against walking down the aisle, it's understandable that even Charlize Theron was not expecting she'd be engaged

to new beau Sean Penn after just over a year of dating.

She's shocked by the development, I tell you. Őr rather, she tells Esquire: "I think that for both of us there was never a moment where we thought that this - what we have today would ever even be a possibility. Ever, ever, ever," she says.

"I think we're both finding ourselves at this moment in our lives kind of shocked. Both of us. Just when you think you know how things are supposed to go down, life just kicks you in the ass and guess what? You don't have a clue."

That ... is a pretty unpleasant way to describe getting engaged, but maybe that's just what life with Penn is like?

FREAK ACCIDENT

Tori suffers Benihana burn

It's not nice to laugh at someone else's pain, sure, but honestly this story about Tori Spelling falling onto a hibachi at Benihana is so absurd I can't not include it. And seriously, have you been to a Benihana? I'm genuinely surprised we don't hear about this happening more often.

Anyway, Spelling was just finishing up a delightful family brunch at the Japanese chain restaurant — wait, Benihana does brunch? when on the way out she caught her heel on something,

tripped and fell "onto a scorching hot grill," a source tells TMZ.

She shouted in pain from a large burn on the back of her right arm. You could tell she was hurting, but she was trying to put on a brave face for the sake of her four young children who were obviously quite worried."

Spelling initially tried to treat the burn herself, but ended up hospitalized at the Grossman Burn Center in West Hills, Calif., where she underwent a skin graft. Yikes.

JANELLE MONAE

A flawless fashion flip-off

Singer Janelle Monae has a unique sense of style — one that is totally working for her, mind you — but even the best-dressed among us have to tend with obnoxious naysayers every now and again. Monae found herself on the receiving end of some unsolicited fashion advice, and she turned it into an opportun-



ity for a master class in schooling Twitter trolls. A "fan" tweeted at her, "Girl, stop being

so soulful and sexy. Tired of those dumbass suits. You fine, but you too damn soulful,

So how did Monae respond? 'Sit down. I'm not for male consumption." Simple, to the point and effective.

MUMFORD AND SONS

'Tribal' Tidal not for band

and his band of Sons weren't invited to be part of

Jay Z's big fancy Tidal streaming music party with Madonna and Rihanna — which they totally don't care about, OK?

"We wouldn't have joined it, anyway, even if they had asked. We don't want to be tribal," Mumford tells the Daily Beast. "What

I'm not into is the tribalistic aspect of it - people trying to corner bits of the market and put their face on it. That's just commercial bulls—." So there, Jay Z. No neo-folk for you.



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Alex Cuba speaks from the heart

When Alex Cuba was new to Canada and still assessing the local sensibilities, someone gave him a piece of advice he — unfortunately — remembered.

He was told Canadians balked at the earnest sentimentality inherent to some of his favourite Cuban music.

And until Contigo, a tune on his recently released new album Healer, the Victoria songwriter mostly heeded that input.

The song is very sweet ... and I've been careful of not recording songs like that in Canada," Cuba said in a recent telephone interview.

'It's thinking that maybe Canadians are not that romantic ... they don't want to hear music that sweet ... From the beginning, somebody said to me: This is the way it is in Canada, and that's it. It took me for a ride there, for sure.

More than 15 years since immigrating here from Cuba, the singer — a two-time Juno winner, a Grammy nominee and a Latin Grammy winner — no longer feels the need to cater

"I feel more Canadian, to the



point where I don't need to guess anymore what people expect from me," he said.

"Now," he added, "I feel I can

The record is bilingual, with translations in the lyric sheet and collaborations with English-speaking artists David Myles and Ron Sexsmith. What drew you to working with Sexsmith again?

Having Ron Sexsmith on your record is quite the honour. I had this song already written in Spanish. I translated it for him to understand, sent it to him, and he rewrote it in less than 24 hours and sent it back to me. I just couldn't believe it. I had to get on the phone and say, "Dude, what kind of genius are you? What is happening in your mind?"

Sarah is about your wife. What role has she played in your ca-

reer? Sarah (Goodacre-Puentes) has really been my partner from the beginning: my business partner, my creative partner, my vision partner. There have been good times and bad times. I thought it was time to have a song for her, although she's been the inspiration behind every song I've written, pretty much. We are on our 20th year of marriage. Sarah's been my partner in crime, man.

You really pulled back on the horns on this record. Why?

I was dragging the horns along on every album just because I was thinking that it had something to do with my sound. But the truth is from the beginning, it wasn't my idea to start recording horns on my music. It was the idea of a producer I worked with on my first album. Then it stayed there for some reason





Allie X says her latest album, CollXtion I, tells the story of a girl who disconnects from her shadow. THE CANADIAN PRESS/HO

Songstress Allie X is building a mystery

COLLXTION

Electropop singer maintains a veiled persona

Toronto-raised pop artist Allie X has carefully cultivated an air of secretive mystery, speaking of her upbringing sparingly, and somewhat reluctantly.

The soft-spoken songwriter insists, however, that she is gradually revealing more of herself — she's just doing it at her own pace.

"My relationship with the public I want to be very much like any other relationship, where you get to know each other a bit before you reveal information," she said in a recent telephone interview. "In my way, I am revealing

personal information, with the story that I'm telling."

She's referring to the "abstractified autobiography" of CollXtion I, a short electro-pop album that doubles as an ambitious multimedia, multipart project spanning comic books, graphics, videos, digital installations and even a physical exhibit (titled XHIBIT), upcoming at Montreal's Phi Centre.

The opaque mythology surrounding the seven-song set and accompanying series is probably best explained by her: "It's the story of a girl who spins so hard that she becomes separated from her shadow and they reverse worlds, so the shadow is in the quote-unquote real world, pretending to be real, and the girl is stuck in the shadow world."

"The story of X will be about their journey to reunite," she

That elaborate backstory

is starkly contrasted by the straight-forward impact of Allie X's sleekly futuristic pop, which could hardly be more immediate.

After bouncing around the Toronto indie scene, Allie shifted to L.A. and spent years polishing her chops as a songwriter. Classically trained as a pianist and singer (one of the few personal details she's willing to confirm), she won a crucial early endorsement from Katy Perry, who tweeted that she was "obsessed" with Allie X's early single Catch.

That tune, a spurned-lover yarn, reached No. 55 on the Canadian Billboard chart. That was a year ago, and Allie X has spent the interim polishing her accompanying visuals, writing more music, and preparing her highly stylized look. And she realizes she's not the first new

artist to use curated mystery as a PR strategy.

"The Weeknd and Lana Del Rey, I think they both got to sort of pioneer this new 'star is born of the Internet age' thing," she explained. 'I won't deny that I was inspired by that."

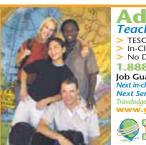
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Never mind the nerves

Allie X does admit she gets nervous onstage. "In general, everything I do lacks a balance - it tends to be one extreme or the other, and this is no exception," she explained. "I'm either cripplingly insecure or overly confident. My crippling insecurity, I battle it by being very confident in the





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MEAL FOUNDATION

Make the most of grocer-cooked birds

WORD OF MOUTH Theresa Albert myfriendinfood.cor

"Oh my darling, you have such a way with rotisserie chicken." Not as romantic as having a way with words but in this day and age, much more useful.

The new book, The Great Rotisserie Chicken Cookbook by Eric Akis, outlines how to cook a bird yourself. But if you are like most of us, you will want to make use of the variety of ways to use that lifesaver of a bird cooked by the grocer.

There are a few things to watch out for when picking

- Date and time prepared. These babies can dry out on the shelf or be left too long at an unsafe temperature.
- Size of chicken. Don't be fooled by the cheaper grocer unless you also know the size. Since most chickens are sold this way, breeders are being asked to grow 'em smaller to compete.
 - Seasonings. There is no

way around how salty your roasted lifesaver can be so you will have to make sure the rest of the day is managed wisely. (Soy sauce at lunch, roasted chicken at dinner and popcorn for snack is going to have your blood pressure soaring. But steamed broccoli won't.)

· Toss the bones and veggie scraps into a freezer bag when you are done picking it for all it is worth. Because it is worth more when you simmer the bones for soup broth and two bird carcasses in the freezer are worth two more in the shopping cart.

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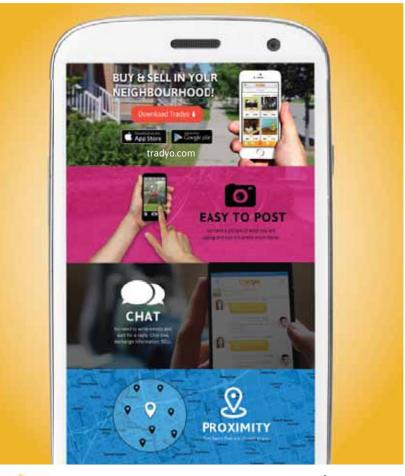




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Rotisserie chicken makes a great base for easy meals

DINNER

Poultry can be comfort food or diversified to global tastes

While developing recipes for using rotisserie chicken meat in a range of dishes, Eric Akis took into consideration the diverse palates of Canadians.

"They like international tastes, but they also like good old comfort food, so I've got anything from mac and cheese with chicken and peas, which would be great for a Tuesday supper, but then I've also done a Vietnamese-style chicken and rice noodle salad," he says.

"That's for those people that like Asian food and there's a lot of us, even if you're not Asian."

He also includes a section in his eighth cookbook, The Great Rotisserie Chicken Cookbook, on side dishes to serve with rotisserie chicken.

Here is a recipe from the book using rotisserie chicken as an ingredient.

Chicken, avocado and tomato melts

This recipe is really simple. The sumptuous melts can be served with a simple green salad and a glass of lemonade or iced tea.

Prep time: 15 minutes Cooking time: 10 minutes

Directions

- **1.** Preheat oven to 425 F. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper. Pour lime juice onto a wide plate.
- 2. Quarter avocado lengthwise, pull it apart, and discard pit. Remove peel from avocado. Cut each quarter piece of avocado lengthwise into 3 slices. Set avocado on plate and coat with lime juice.
- **3.** Spread mayonnaise on one side of each slice of bread and arrange on baking sheet. Top each slice with arugula, 2 slices

INGREDIENTS

- 2 tsp lime juice
- 1 medium ripe avocado
- 4 slices French bread, each 1 inch thick
- 4 tbsp mayonnaise
- 1 1/2 cups baby arugula or spinach
- 8 slices ripe tomato
- 1 1/3 cups shredded rotisserie chicken meat
- 1 cup grated plain or jalapeno-flavoured Monterey Jack cheese
- 1/4 cup coarsely chopped fresh cilantro or green onions

of tomato, 3 slices of avocado and 1/3 cup of the chicken. Sprinkle with cheese.

4. Bake for 10 minutes, or until cheese is melted and bottom of bread is lightly toasted. Garnish with cilantro and serve.

Makes 4 servings.
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Chianti makes a comeback

LIQUID ASSETS
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While you should never judge a wine by the design of its label, the growing gaggle of millennial-aged wine fans is fuelling a trend in retro wine packaging.

Baby Boomers see the return of classic designs as a welcome sip down memory lane, especially when it comes to the Italian fiasco.

Calling Chianti home, it's a round bottle kept upright by an elaborate straw basket that once emptied was often turned into a candle holder back in the day.

A variety of styles are available across the country, with the juicy 2013 Leonardo Chianti

(\$13-\$19.99) making a perfect partner with spaghetti and meatballs or a slice of takeout pizza. PRICES REFLECT THE RANGE ACROSS THE COUNTRY. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.



EU ready to remove beer goggles when it comes to calories

Health-conscious tipplers may be closer to finding out just how many calories they are imbibing as consumer advocates push for EU nutritional labelling on alcoholic drinks in the face of strong industry resistance.

The European Parlia-

The European Parliament took a first step last month when it called on the European Commission to draw up legis-

lation requiring

such labelling by 2016.

Adopted by 63 of the 68 members of the parliament's health committee, the resolution also calls for labels that highlight the dangers of alcohol for pregnant women and motorists.

It was sweet revenge for Glenis Willmott, a Labour MP from Britain who steered the proposal through the committee after a first attempt failed in 2011 with what she said was heavy lobbying from the drinks industry.



An average half litre of five per cent alcohol beer contains as many calories as a chocolate bar

Ilaria Passarani, European Consumer Organization official

Chicken, avocado and tomato melts. THE CANADIAN PRESS

This time around, Willmott wants to make sure there is no mistake and that consumers get the information they need.

"Consumers have a right to know that a glass of wine has the same number of calories as a slice of cake and that drinking while pregnant can harm your baby," she said.

"This isn't about telling people what to do, but giving them the information they need to make informed choices," Willmott added.

Ilaria Passarani, an official

with the European Consumer Organization (BEUC) advocacy group, said people need to know alcohol's effect on their diet.

"Most of us know alcohol must be consumed in moderation. However, the scale of alcohol's impact on our weight and health is far less obvious," Passarani said.

"How many people know that an average half litre of five per cent alcohol beer contains as many calories as a chocolate bar?" she asked. AFP



European beer labels may soon include how many calories you're downing. ISTOCK





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THE CHECKLIST **2016 ACURA ILX**

THE BASICS

Type. Four-door, FWD, entrylevel luxury compact sedan Engines (hp/torque). 2.4-litre turbocharged 14

Transmissions.Eight-speed DSG automatic Price. Base/as-tested price (incl. destination). \$31,619/\$36,019

- Entry-level Acura name-Entry-level Acura name-plate based on the Honda Civic platform.
 Major mid-cycle updates for model year 2016.
 2.4-litre four and eight-speed automatic from TLX
- becomes sole powertrain



is standard.
• Standard Bluetooth, text

- safety and connectivity than

Acura IXL stays fresh via powertrain, infotainment

McIntosh For Metro

Acura created the ILX back in 2013 to get young upwardly mobile buyers into the Acura family. The intent was that they would stay with Acura, and buy bigger and more expensive ones as they moved up the food chain.

It hasn't happened as Acura would have liked, especially in the U.S., which has never embraced the concept of an entrylevel and Civic-based Acura, as we have in Canada.

That's not to say Acura ILX isn't a decent ride. Sometimes we just have to overlook a vehicle's intended marketing mission and just take a keen look at the vehicle itself. And when you do that here, you find a really sweet, small sports sedan, especially when you consider all the new bits that have been bestowed on the vehicle for 2016, to mark its first major mid-cycle makeover.

The biggest new bits are the 2.4-litre I4 engine and eightspeed "dual clutch" automatic transmission, lifted from its immediate bigger sibling, the TLX. This gives the small Acura 201 horses, over 50 more than last year. The engine likes to

rev and the transmission loves to shift, and does so expertly and quickly, so it's a great match. It doesn't have that effortless power feel, however, of torque-rich V6s and turbocharged fours.

But the ILX can go around a corner with panache. It turns easily and flatly, and instils a lot of confidence in the driver. That driver would have more fun if there were a bit more steering feel, but other than that, this is a fun ride.

Back seat room, and interior room generally, are not up to "mid-size" standards. If you need such space, the mid-size mainstream sedans beckon, which can be had for about the same price of this "compact" near-luxury sedan.

This being 2015, a vehicle needs more than just space and pace to succeed — it needs lots of acronyms in the safety department, and lots of connectivity in the dashboard. We don't have the space to go through the entire laundry list, but suffice to say Acura wants ILX to be a segment leader in this regard.

Some highlights, which are either standard or optionally available, include: long-range engine starter, GPS-linked automatic climate control, nextgeneration AcuraLink (cloudbased connected car system), Siri Eyes Free (standard across the board), rain-sensing wipers, and the AcuraWatch suite of driver assist technologies, which includes adaptive cruise, lane keeping assist, rear camera, and collision mitigation.

COOL FEATURES

- AcuraWatch suite of safety and driver-assist technologies
- message, and Siri Eyes Free.

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phone-based functions.

MARKET POSITION

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Buick Verano

Prices can drop when new cars revealed

When auto companies roll out exciting new models like they did at the recent New York auto show, the unveilings can sometimes push down the price of cars already on sale.

Usually the immediate impact is small, according to industry analysts, but the deals can get a whole lot better once the new models hit the showrooms and the automakers try to clear the old models from dealer lots. And the extent of the impact depends on whether the latest models are significantly more appealing than the old ones because of new features or styling changes.

Last week in New York, Honda unveiled a new Civic compact that looks like a European sports car, and Chevrolet showed off a new Malibu midsize car that looks like a coupe, with more legroom better gas mileage and other features that one-up the current model. Analysts say it's too early to tell if prices will drop on the current Civics and Malibus.

Car buyers recognize the value when there's a major redesign if it's feature-rich, said Alec Gutierrez, senior analyst with Kelley Blue Book.

Whether or not prices immediately fall on existing models varies by whether media coverage of the new model is unexpectedly positive or negative, and by how well automakers manage their inventories during the year, said David Wagner, senior manager for analytics with the NADA Used Car Guide.

If publicity is good and customers are excited, then values on outgoing models can fall. But the decline usually is

small, around two or three per cent in the first several weeks of media coverage.

THE COMPETITION

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Wagner saw prices fall a small amount after recent redesigns of the Honda Accord, Ford Mustang and Ford F-150 pickup truck, all of which made great improvements or added features to the vehicles.

In late summer and early fall, all automakers discount outgoing models to clear room on dealer lots for new models. Typically, those discounts run two to four per cent off the sticker price. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Lower prices can entice consumers to buy an outgoing model even if the new one is much better. ISTOCK

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ELECTRIC CARS

Virgin to join e-car market

Demonstrating that the future is not just in the hands of big-name automakers, Richard Branson says his Virgin empire has "teams of people" working on electric cars. Virgin is already a supporter of the Formula E (for electric) racing championship.

'So you never know," Branson told Bloomberg News Service, "you may find Virgin competing ... in the car business, as we do in the space business."



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Virgin heats up e-cars competition

SOLAR POWER

Glow-in-dark car rides

Nissan recently drove its first glow-in-the-dark electric Leaf sedan on the world's first luminous "smart" highway near Oss, Netherlands. The luminous Leaf was put on the solar-powered highway to announce Nissan EV sales increased by 313 per cent across the Netherlands last year and to showcase how many of its customers are powering their cars from solar



Leaf drivers recorded one billion kilometres driven worldwide

Automaker Nissan says that owners of its Leaf plug-in electric mid-size sedan have recorded one billion kilometres driven worldwide, saving more than 180 million kilograms of carbon dioxide emissions in the process. Over that vast distance, the Nissan Leaf has reportedly become the best-selling electric vehicle in history.





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Chevy Cruze boasts space

USED VEHICLE

Odours, leaks, may plague 2011 to 2014 models

Replacing the Cobalt and competing with the Honda Civic, Hyundai Elantra, Ford Focus and Toyota Corolla, the Chevrolet Cruze hit the Canadian market for model year 2011, riding a new Europeanbased platform and hoping to attract customers with top-notch efficiency, leading warranty coverage and over-

all value. With plenty of selection, the big-for-its-class Cruze should make an ideal used sedan for a shopper after plenty of space and a pleasant all-around driving experience.

On board, smell for any unpleasant odours, such as a burnt sugar smell, which could indicate a coolant leak under the hood, or in the vehicle's heater core, as well as earthy or 'dirty-sock' odours — resulting from moisture buildup in the HVAC system causing mildew. Blocked moisture drain tubes may be to blame for the later issue, and your Chevrolet dealer may offer a mould/mildew cleaning kit to remedy the

problem. If you detect any unpleasant smells, have a mechanic check the cooling system and HVAC system for leaks.

Check the Cruze's cooling system pressure cap for signs of coolant leakage, which will require a new, revised cap to remedy.

Visit the highway and get the Cruze up to speed, turning the steering wheel slightly to "weave" where appropriate. A "notchy" or "sticky" feel to the steering system could indicate a problem that requires further investigation. Most owners reporting this issue find it occurs at low mileage and have it fixed under warranty. JUSTIN PRITCHARD

The verdict

Owners did love the Cruze for space, comfort and refinement. Opt for as new a model as you can afford, seeking to maximize protection from the Cruze's warranty, where possible. A prepurchase inspection at a Chevrolet dealer should be considered mandatory.

What owners dislike

Typical gripes centre around some of the materials used to trim the Chevrolet Cruze's cabin, lazy programming logic of the automatic transmission, and potentially uncomfortable seats.



Features

Look for OnStar, heated seats, a sunroof, automatic lights, and above-average athand storage facilities. A full suite of advanced safety systems is on board, too. Look for an LT or LTZ trim grade if you're after the top-line experience.

Engines

Most copies of the Chevrolet Cruze in the used market will pack a 1.4-litre turbocharged four-cylinder engine, or a 1.8-litre four-cylinder engine. Six-speed transmissions in either automatic or manual were





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Proper washer fluid does a better job of cleaning a windshield than plain water.

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A clean windshield fuels safety

Wiper blades should be replaced about every 6 months

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Keeping your windshield clean isn't just about the vehicle looking good. Visibility is essential to safety, which means wiper blades need to be in top condition and a driver's windshield washer fluid bottle should be full.

"If people replace their wiper blades every six to wiper blades every six to nine months, they will enjoy better visibility," says Ron Fausnight, group technical manager of chemicals and appearance products for ITW Global Brands, which markets Rain-X. "Wiper blades will deteriorate from use, especially if there's a lot of gritty material on the glass.'

Guck can form on the windshield even on dry, sunny days. Insects and bird droppings are the most noticeable culprits, but it can also include sticky substances kicked up off the asphalt by other vehicles: dust and grime, oil, and even the thin film of rubber that builds up on the road from the thousands of tires driving over it.

If the windshield is dry, it should always be moistened with the washers before the

wipers are turned on. Not only is that grime hard on the rubber, but it can potentially scratch the glass.

When you wash your car, it's common for minerals in the water to dry on the windshield, causing spots. It can be difficult to remove these dried-on deposits and a glass cleaner may need to be used to remove them.

Spray-on or wipe-on water repellents leave a thin film of silicon on the glass that causes the water to bead up and flow away, instead of drying up and leaving the minerals behind.

Windshield wipers are actually squeegees, and while they look like thin blades, a peek under magnification reveals their edges are square. One corner of this square edge drags across the glass when the wipers move in one direction, and then the blade is flipped and the other corner does the job when the wiper goes the other way. This constant push-pull motion does an excellent job of keeping the windshield clear when it's raining, but it's also why the blades eventually wear out.

All types of washer fluid will clean a windshield, but summer-specific ones do a better job of removing bugs and grime, while winter fluid is less likely to freeze.

Plain water shouldn't be used to clean a windshield, since it doesn't clean as well and can damage the motor if there's any left in the system when cold weather returns.

WHEN TO REPLACE WIPERS

Streaks mean replacement

Wiper blades should be replaced any time they start to leave streaks on the windshield. if the rubber starts to tear, or if they continually "chatter" when wiping on wet glass. Because the rear window on an



SUV or hatchback gets so grimy, this wiper can wear fairly quickly. Replace it promptly to avoid scratching the glass. Many vehicles have two different sized front blades, depending on the windshield size and shape, to do the best iob of cleaning. JIL MCINTOSH



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The Flames and the Canucks will renew their rivalry when the puck drops on their first-round playoff series Wednesday. DEREK LEUNG/GETTY IMAGES

Flames burn bright into playoffs



It's a credit to the Flames organization that in Year 2 of their rebuild, three names are being bandied about for league awards. It'll be between Johnny Gaudreau and Ottawa's Mark Stone for the Calder as top rookie, Bob Hartley will most asAdams trophy as top coach, and Mark Giordano may be one of three finalists for the Norris as top defenceman.

The only award Calgary was being given seven months ago was odds-on favourite to win the Connor McDavid Sweepstakes. Now the Flames have zero crack at McDavid. Heck, if Calgary can get past the Vancouver Canucks in the first round, the Flames won't even pick



Deryk Engelland's grit should come in handy in a rough-andtumble playoff series with the Canucks. GETTY IMAGES

for success on the scoreboard. Here are other observations as Calgary heads into the post-season.

• I'd love to see Sam Bennett get playoff duty, but I don't anticipate that happening unless the Flames scorers go dormant and Calgary drops the first couple of games or three of four. Bennett has shown an instinct for being in the right place

at the right time offensively, but his structured play, at this point, is too uncertain.

• Deryk Engelland's stock since the Giordano injury has risen to the point when he's an important X-factor versus Vancouver. If he can continue to limit his defensive miscues, while being a physical presence around the Sedin twins, Calgary's other mobile blue-liners can take care of

 Curtis Glencross has been relegated to bottom six 🛟 SERIES PREVIEW **REGULAR SEASON: Can** ruary to goalie Ryan points in his first Miller. The Flames, seven games),

ucks went 48-29-5 (101 points) to finish second in Pacific. Flames went 45-30-7 (97 points) to finish third in Pacific.

SEASON SERIES: Canucks won 2-1-1, with two wins in regu-

STORYLINE: The Canucks return to the playoffs despite a knee injury in late Feb-

who are back for the first time in six years, are seeking their first post-season series victory since 2004. The Flames had the fewest points of the 16 playoff

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clearing the zone. The Sedins play better when there's less of a physical threat.

• For as much as hockey is a team game with systems and player buy-ins, if the goaltending isn't solid, playoff runs die on the vine. That's what happened with St. Louis and Ryan Miller last spring. This year? Calgary won't win if Jonas Hiller can't outplay Miller.

(and third for the Caps) picks become for Calgary.

duty in Washington. After a hot start (four goals and six Glenny has been ice cold with just one assist in his past 11 games. He's been averaging

Sedin twins Daniel and Henrik are generally less of a handful when physically

targeted. GETTY IMAGES



just 12 minutes a game lately.

The Flames get Washington's

second and third round picks

rental. Calgary finished 12-5-3

• Speaking of draft picks,

the higher their second-round

the earlier Washington and

Vancouver exit the playoffs,

in 2015 for the Glencross

after the trade.

Rays pip Jays in their back yard once more

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Souza Jr. does the damage with homer and winning run

Steven Souza Jr. homered and later scored the winning run on a sacrifice fly to give the Tampa Bay Rays a 3-2 victory over the Toronto Blue Jays on Tuesday night at Rogers Centre.

In the eighth inning, Souza Jr. reached on a bunt single, stole second base and took third when Toronto catcher Russell Martin's throw was low for an error. Desmond Jennings lifted a fly ball into centre field off reliever Miguel Castro (0-1) to bring Souza Jr. home and help the Rays earn their second straight win over Toronto (4-4).

Kevin Jepsen worked the ninth inning for his first save. Tampa Bay (5-3) has won four games in a row. Souza Jr. opened the scoring by launching a solo shot that reached the third level above the

TUESDAY In Toronto





centre-field wall and nearly hit the stadium's large video scoreboard. It was his first homer of the season.

The Rays touched up Toronto starter Daniel Norris for another run in the second inning. Jennings was hit by a pitch, moved to second on a passed ball and raced to third on a double steal after Logan Forsythe walked.

Tim Beckham's sacrifice fly

was deep enough to score Jennings. The Blue Jays opened the bottom half of the frame with a Josh Donaldson infield single and a Dioner Navarro walk. Tampa Bay's Matt Andriese — making his first major-league start — left them stranded by getting Martin on a strikeout, Kevin Pillar on a flyout and Devon Travis on a groundout. In the fourth, Pillar drove in Toronto's first run



Tampa Bay Rays right fielder Steven Souza Jr., centre, celebrates with teammates after a fine game. THE CANADIAN PRESS

after Donaldson and Navarro hit back-to-back singles. Travis hit a grounder that forced out Pillar at second base but his hard slide prevented a double play and left runners on the corners.

Kirby Yates came on in re-

lief and Jose Reyes greeted him with a double that scored Navarro with the tying run and moved Travis to third. Dalton Pompey of Mississauga, Ont., struck out to end the inning. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Last-gasp Crowder takes down Raptors

Jae Crowder hit an off-balance fall-away from deep on the right wing with .8 seconds left, lifting Boston to a 95-93 win over the Toronto Raptors on Tuesday that secured the seventh seed in the Eastern Conference for the Celtics.

Evan Turner and Avery Bradley each scored 14 points for Boston, which will face No. 2 seed Cleveland in the playoffs. Brandon Bass added 13 points and nine rebounds.

It was the fifth straight win for the Celtics, who clinched a playoff spot on Monday when Brooklyn lost. **TUESDAY In Boston**





Kyle Lowry had 16 points for the Raptors, who are locked into the fourth seed and will face Washington. Toronto beat the Wizards in all three meetings this season.

Lou Williams also had 16 points for Toronto, Terrence Ross scored 12 and Jonas Valanciunas' 11.

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Wizards coach give no reason for Nene's absence

Wizards forward Nene did not play Tuesday night at Indiana. Wittman did not give a reason for Nene's absence. The Brazilian native twisted his right ankle in a victory over Brooklyn on Friday but played 27 minutes in Sunday's victory over Atlanta. The Wizards (46-34) have already locked up the No. 5 seed in the Eastern Conference playoffs and have posted their highest win total since 1978-79. But Nene's absence could have an impact on the final playoff spot in the East. With two games left, Indiana (37-43) currently has a one-half game lead over Brooklyn for the No. 8 seed. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE NHL PLAYOFFS

The NHL's post-season dominoes tumbled throughout the regular season's wild final week. When the last ones fell Saturday night, they revealed that the league is set up for an extremely interesting spring. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS PHOTOS BY GETTY IMAGES



Home cooking

Sure, Canadians are prominent on every NHL team. But when in the Great White North make the playoffs, there's an extra excitement — and this post-season will have plenty after a mad rush for position left five Canadian teams in the field. The Canadiens take on the Senators, the Flames take on the Canucks in two all-Canadian matchups in Round 1 while the Jets face a tough matchup with the West-best Ducks.

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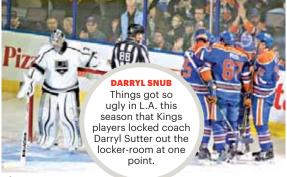


The top seeds drew tough matchups.

The Rangers claimed the Presidents' Trophy, but their reward is a perilous clash with superstars Sidney Crosby, Evgeni Malkin and the Penguins.

Anaheim took top spot in the West butget the red-hot Winnipeg Jets as their reward.





We aren't the champions

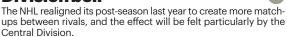
The playoffs will go on without the teams that won three of the past four Stanley Cup titles — and for the first time in NHL history, the teams that won the previous season's championship and the team with the last Presidents' Trophy both missed the post-season.

The Los Angeles Kings struggled at mid-season and flopped in the final week, finishing ninth in the West and ending their spectacular run of two championships, 10 playoff series wins and a record 64 post-season games over the past three years. For the first time since 2007, the playoffs won't feature the defending champion.

The Boston Bruins, who won the 2011 title and had the NHL's best regular-season record last year, join the Kings on the golf course



Division bell



Division champ St. Louis drew a meeting with Minnesota, which finished with the West's sixth-best record. The other Central matchup is a brawl between Chicago and surprising Nashville, which held off the Blackhawks down the stretch for home-ice advantage.



5 Holding steady

The Detroit Red Wings are in the playoffs for the 24th straight season, and they've never had a series against the Tampa Bay Lightning and GM Steve Yzerman, who is a bit of a celebrity in Michigan. The Wings' playoff exploits could play a role in the future of coach Mike Babcock, who could be available to the highest bidder this summer.

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RECIPE Welcome spring with Sweet 'n' Sour Chicken Meatballs with Rice

Rose Reisman

Ready in 50 minutes Serves six

Directions

- 1. In a bowl, combine the chicken, onion, ketchup, bread crumbs, egg, salt and pepper and mix well. With wet hands, form the meatballs, using about 1 Tbsp of the mixture for each. Place on a plate and set aside.
- 2. In large saucepan, heat the vegetable oil over medium heat. Add the garlic and onion and cook just until softened, about 3 minutes. Add the bell peppers and cook for another 4 minutes. Add the tomato and pineapple juices, chili sauce, brown sugar, cornstarch and meatballs. Cover, reduce the heat and simmer for 25 minutes, or until the meatballs are cooked through.
- 3. Meanwhile, bring the rice and water to a boil, then cover and simmer for 10 minutes. Remove from the heat and let stand for 10 minutes, covered.
- 4. Serve the meatballs and sauce over the rice. Garnish with pineapple and parsley.

Ingredients

- 12 oz ground chicken
- 1/4 cup finely chopped onion

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* IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

2 Tbsp ketchup

bread crumbs

1 egg

• 5 Tbsp seasoned dry

· Pinch of salt and pepper

• 1/2 cup chopped onion

• 1 1/2 cups tomato juice

· 2 cups pineapple juice

• 2 Tbsp brown sugar

• 1 Tbsp cornstarch

• 1/2 cup diced pine-

apple (fresh or canned)

Nutrition per serving

· Cholesterol 73 mg ·

PHOTO: ROSE REISMAN

Sodium 429 mg

• 3 Tbsp chopped parsley

• Calories 377 • Protein 15 grams

· Carbohydrates 61 g · Fibre 3 g

• Total fat 7.7 g • Saturated fat 1.9 g

•1 cup white rice

•1 cup water

• 2 tsp finely chopped garlic

• 1/2 cup diced red bell pepper

• 1/2 cup diced green bell pepper

• 1/2 cup sweet chili sauce (Heinz)

• 2 tsp vegetable oil

Aries March 21 - April 20 It seems you can't put a foot wrong at the moment but you know from long experience not to take things like that for granted. Enjoy life but watch where you tread

Taurus April 21 - May 21 You have been worrying too much about money lately but as of today vour fears should subside a little. The moment you stop worrying about your cash flow is the moment it will start getting better.

I Gemini May 22 - June 21 Venus in your sign makes this a good time for affairs of the heart and anything of an artistic or creative nature, but Saturn is also strong at the moment, which means you must not lose your grip on reality.

Cancer June 22 - July 23 This could be a special time for you. Like all Cancerians you want to do things for other people, to make the world a better place, and your chance to do so will arrive very soon.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23 Listen carefully to what friends and colleagues tell you today and, if what they tell you makes sense, act on it immediately. And don't be so suspicious.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23 Career matters are under favourable stars at the moment, so be positive. Attitude is everything: if colleagues and employers sense that you are ser ious about your aims then they will be serious about them as well.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23 A task you were not looking forward to won't be as bad as you thought it would be - in fact, once you get going it may be enjoyable. That's good, because the more you smile the happier those around you will be as well.

M Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22 Money isn't everything but it's still important and what happens today will remind you that you cannot afford to be too relaxed about what you own and earn. You have mouths to feed and bills to pay.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21 Stop worrying about whether or not you are doing the right thing and live the way you feel is right.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20 Don't push yourself too hard or take on any new responsibilities over the next 24 hours - and don't let other people talk you into doing things.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19 Venus in your fellow Air sign of Gemini will do wonders for your confidence over the next few days but with Saturn strong at the moment as well you there will still be challenges.

Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20 If you need to say sorry for something you did earlier in the month then say it now. Venus in the domestic area of your chart means others will happily forgive and

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